

National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena

Number of

Estimated

Path



April 1997

Time Local Path Length Width Persons Damage MINNESOTA, Northeast MNZ034-036 **Crow Wing - Southern Aitkin** 0700CST 0 0 Flood The Mississippi River began rising due to rapid snowmelt and heavy rainfall from a storm system passing over the area. Property damage was minimal with only one house in Brainerd reported flooded. However, many secondary roads were washed out or had standing water. **MNZ038** Pine 1100CST 1100CST 25K Rapid melting of a snowpack with above normal water content and heavy rain produced flooding across parts of northeastern Minnesota. Flooding along the Snake River in southern Pine county caused damage to two permanent homes and several seasonal dwellings. Several sheds were also damaged or washed away. High water along the Grindstone River near Hinckley also flooded a public park and part of a recreational vehicle park. Total private damage was estimated between \$10,000 and \$15,000 and road damage at \$10,000. Southern Cass - Crow Wing MNZ033>034 1650CST 1400CST 0 0 06 10 Flood Rapid melting of a snowpack with above normal water content and heavy rain caused flooding across parts of northeastern Minnesota. Water from the Crow Wing River rose above bank levels and flooded low-lying areas in southern Crow Wing and southern Cass Counties. Rising water threatened several homes and concerned dam operators to the extent that sand-bagging was done, but no significant flood damage was reported. **MNZ037** Southern St. Louis / Carlton 1700CST 1700CST 0 0 160.8K Flood Rapid melting of a snowpack with above normal water content and heavy rain caused flooding across parts of northeastern Minnesota. Rising water on the Floodwood River affected mainly the community of Floodwood in southern St. Louis county. High water flooded 10 to 20 homes and businesses, and two highways had standing water, nearly closing one of them. Sandbagging of roads and structures was carried out. An estimated \$135,800 in public, private, and retail damage occurred in Floodwood, with about \$25,000 in road and bridge damage in Duluth and Lakewood Township. Federal disaster aid was granted WISCONSIN, Northwest **WIZ003** Ashland 02 03 1915CST 0700CST 0 0 Flood Water began rising on the Bad River near Odanah due to rapid snowmelt and a significant amount of ice on the river. Flooding was restricted to low-lying, uninhabited areas. **WIZ003 Ashland** 0 0 Flood Ice jams and previous high water levels from snowmelt on the Bad River caused water to start spilling over U.S. Highway 2 near

flooded.

Odanah. Some people were evacuated, but no homes were reported damaged. Some secondary roads in low-lying areas were